

Garden

BY ROLLY LANGLEY

Whenever avocados become reasonable in the market, more green thumbs write about them. This may be because when the price is fair, people don't feel antagonistic toward the fruit and loosen up to say a few words about them. This may not be the case with Mrs. P. Esling, indeed she seems to have taken off from a previous running start here. Anyway she writes:

"At last, something about avocado trees grown from seeds. I have one out of your three hundred that was a success in growing, but a flop in bearing fruit.

"This tree had its start in a San Francisco apartment and when the time came to either raise the ceiling or suffer the consequences, my sister brought it over to plant in my back yard.

The first winter it was frosted to the ground, but to my surprise reappeared in the spring to grow in the past nine or 10 years into a beautiful tree about 25 feet high. As you saw, they are unpredictable in bearing fruit. I will continue to keep my fingers crossed, and keep peering up through the branches in hopes of finding (just one would do) a nice, luscious, ripe avocado waiting to be picked.

"Any bets down on which one, me or the tree will give in first?" Two bucks on the tree to win. And just to think, if Mrs. Esling had bought a grafted tree 10 years ago, she'd be pretty certain of having avocados aplenty by this time.

We'll expect to hear from A. E. Zenard pretty soon. At first he was going to cover his six orange trees in Walnut Creek with transparent plastic to protect them from frost, but gave them plenty of light during the days he couldn't get out to them. Having burlap on hand he compromised, putting burlap on top to admit light and burlap around them. He promised to report soon.

He asks how much chicken manure three months old could safely be put around four year old trees and also around berry bushes. If it were uniformly spread on the ground underneath, a gunny-sack full per tree should be safe enough.

Certainly so far as fertilizer elements go, that would be none too much. After three months, perhaps 50 per cent of the nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium would be available to the plants. Chicken manure contains less than most commercial garden fertilizers to start with, something like 1 1/2 per cent, decreasing as the season progresses.

Berries roots are quite shallow, but still, the manure shouldn't hurt them, but the reverse, if ground water were to come up to half inch layer, lightly raked in.

W. A. Joubert of Oakland reports he has been growing compost heap working and has buried all his wet garbage. He also asks for instructions on how to prepare tomato flats and treat seeds for immediate planting. His letter was my column on that must have crossed. Anyway here's a brief.

Flats filled to within an inch with a third each of loam, peat-moss or leafmold or compost, and sand.

Treat seeds (all varieties) with a chemical compound available at your dealers which does an even better job than formalin. It kills the seed-borne fungi and bacteria, but does not harm the seed. Best varieties: Early Victor (matures 65 days after transplanting) and Earliana (63 days). Mid-season: Improved Pearson, Frisbie, and Santa Clara Canners.

Plant a quarter inch deep. Keep soil mixture moist. Don't plant more than one seed per square inch. Fertilize with a weak solution of fertilizer for five days, spray them with a solution of the same chemical with which you treated the seeds. After five days, stop watering possibilities of damping-off.

After tomatoes show, give them plenty of sunlight, but don't leave them out overnight. They're tender to cold.

Mingold and Golden Queen are best yellow varieties.

Don't smoke while around your tomatoes. Wash your hands with soap and water after handling smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff. Many smokers disregard this advice and still raise good tomatoes. Still, there is a danger of infecting plants with tobacco mosaic disease.

No statistics on what snuff users do when around their tomatoes. There don't seem to be many. The snuff business must be feeling mighty low.

Suspect Held

Bill Forsythe, 2711 Lombard St., San Francisco, was being held Friday in the county jail on suspicion of car theft after Belmont police picked him up at 4:10 in the morning, charged him with driving 70 miles an hour on El Camino.

Forsythe was unable to produce identification or a driver's license but claimed he had borrowed the car he was driving from the home of Everett A. Yocum of San Francisco. The ignition wires of the car were crossed, police said.

San Francisco police have been unable to locate the owner of the car.

Hoffman Heads

W. M. Laughton, 1617 Floribunda Ave., Burlingame, was recently elected president of the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of San Francisco, at a meeting of the club held at the St. Francis Hotel.

Laughton is district general manager of Bethlehem Steel Co.'s West Coast yards.

L. A. Lapham was elected first vice president for the year, and Eugene Hoffman of Redwood City was reelected as secretary-treasurer.

Mills Mixup

The tug-of-war between Burlingame and Millbrae over the Mills estate has entered the final rounds with the filing of action in superior court Wednesday to test the legality of Burlingame annexation of its 100-foot "Chinese Wall."

The action was filed through Fred N. Howser, state attorney general, in behalf of Robert Ferranti, North Burlingame merchant who bases the suit on his status as a taxpayer.

Ferranti is represented in the action by John W. Cole, South San Francisco attorney. Coleherd today said that the suit would decide whether the City of Burlingame has any power of its own or whether "there is a superior power called the Mills estate."

The action is brought in the name of the People of the State of California, and named defendants are the City of Burlingame and its city council, L. Herbert Harris, Leon O. Whitsell, Allen F. Hunt, Peter Dahl and U. S. Simons.

The disputed action is the annexation of a strip of land, 100 feet wide, around about 800 acres of the Mills estate. In previous years, Burlingame attorneys had charged that Burlingame annexed the strip to block the planned incorporation of the Mills estate into Millbrae.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors had included the contested area in the confines of the proposed City of Millbrae. Millbrae voters approved the incorporation on Dec. 10, but the supervisors have been prohibited from canvassing the votes pending action on a writ of review sought by Burlingame.

A hearing on that writ is scheduled for Saturday.

Coleherd then charged that Burlingame and the city council discriminated against Ferranti and other taxpayers by recognizing the petition presented by the Mills Estate Inc., requesting the annexation.

The Mills estate petition, which was filed with the county clerk, and which has never been changed, asks that the 40 acres comprising the "Chinese Wall" be assessed only a tax of 1/10 per acre, Coleherd said. The complaint filed quotes the petition in part:

"In consideration . . . the properties . . . after annexation shall be subject to \$1 an acre a year for . . . unimproved areas . . . public improvements are installed."

This constitutes a reservation and a limitation of Burlingame's power to tax, Coleherd charged, and discriminates against each property owner with respect to taxation.

The subject of the petition and writ, 101 per cent of the area, was during previous court action, but Burlingame attorneys then had stated that the request was not granted in the annexation proceedings.

Suits Filed

Two suits seeking damages totaling \$10,000 as a result of injuries sustained in automobile accidents were filed Friday in superior court here.

Marshall L. Gibbs and Hazel E. Plender of San Jose filed suit for \$75,000 damages against Peter G. Faber, East Palo Alto dairyman. The damages were claimed for injuries sustained in a collision Dec. 22 on Bayshore Hwy. and 5th Ave.

Faber Tuesday filed suit for \$50,000 against Gibbs for injuries he sustained.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Johns of San Francisco are asking \$26,800 as a result of a collision Dec. 28 on Bayshore Hwy. near Broadmeeker, Palo Alto.

They are suing Ora and Theodore Way, San Mateo.

A New Directory

A directory of social and health agencies serving San Mateo County is being compiled by the Social Service Exchange of the Council of Social Agencies, officials reported today.

The directory will include all public and private social agencies operating on a non-profit basis, also county and local organizations which have a social welfare function. The completed directory will include approximately 150 agencies.

This San Mateo directory is patterned on a similar directory prepared by the Council of Social Agencies of San Francisco, and is designed to be of aid to local social agencies and particularly to assist the new professional workers in the county, it was explained.

It will give a concise view of social and welfare services and specific information on each agency, including function, requirements, hours of service, source of funds and services rendered.

In addition the directory will serve as a means of pointing out the social welfare needs of San Mateo County, officials said.

The Social Service Exchange is headquarters of the Council of Social Agencies. Mrs. Helen Foley, director of the Social Service Exchange, Offices are located at 1309 Howard Ave., Burlingame.

Red Men

Plans for entering a float in the forthcoming Fourth of July parade in Redwood City were made by the Metamora Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, at a meeting held in Foresters Hall recently.

Guest speaker was Great Senior Sagamore Jess Megginness of Sunnyvale, who spoke on the state of the order in California.

Plans were also made for the improvement of the Red Men's plot at Union Cemetery.

Mill Fire

San Mateo's rash of planing mill fires continued last Friday with the fourth such blaze in a week, this time at the San Mateo Planing Mill, Fifth Ave. and Claremont St.

A storage shed in the rear of the yard burned to the ground with the contents, some mill machinery and tools declared a total loss. Damages were estimated at approximately \$1000. Several adjacent homes on Delaware St. were for a time endangered by the blaze.

Though arson was not suspected, possibility that same unknown person had carelessly set the shed afire was expressed when James Blaise, 800 S. Delaware St., reported to the fire department that he had seen "a tramp" enter the shed about 5 p.m. and later noticed a glow in the barn.

He was on his way to notify Capt. Nease when the fire broke out.

The alarm was sounded at 5:42 p.m. after Mrs. J. H. Aspinall, 720 S. Delaware St., reported the shed was on fire. Her property was safe.

Firemen first on the scene sounded a second alarm immediately as they laid lines in to cover the flames. The second company stood by to protect the homes imperilled by the blazing shed, but was not called into action.

Chief Hugh Morris, arriving with the second company, sounded a third alarm, but reported the third company was not needed and was instructed to return to their station as the fire had been isolated and brought under control when they arrived.

Edwin C. Beals, president and manager of the San Mateo Planing Mill reported today that the fire was caused by a small fire which he classed as "obscure or seldom used."

Beals declared that the shed and contents could not be repaired for \$1000, but he added that the firm would not want to replace several of the pieces of equipment lost in the blaze.

Sorority Meets

Helen Kruger was hostess when the Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Virginia Goularte in Emerald Lake this week.

Edith Millet, president read an invitation received from the Northern California Area Council to attend a branch at the Sonoma Mission Inn on Feb. 2. The Petaluma Chapter will be hostess club and then the day of "County Fair" and a large number of members from the Peninsula is planning to attend.

Refreshments were served buffet style. The next meeting at the home of Ima Jean Merrick in Menlo Park on Jan. 28 will be followed by a Valentine party.

Announcement was also made of the meeting of the first of the Parnell, a member, to Al Steel in Glendale on Jan. 2. The newlyweds are now at home at Alameda and Gordon Sts., Menlo Park.

Favors Claims

Supervisor Henry W. Edmonds Saturday came out in favor of a grand jury proposal for the creation of a county office for the collection of delinquent claims.

"There are delinquent accounts in offices other than Community Hospital," Edmonds said. "I think there is a real demand for such a collector."

Such a post would be a full-time job, Edmonds said, and added that at present "we're not organized to do it."

He declared that he was speaking only for himself and that he would favor creation of such an office if the rest of the board agreed to it.

Edmonds cited the success of such an office in San Francisco, where more than \$1,200,000 had been collected. Judging on the basis of population, there was at least \$200,000 uncollected in the county.

The grand jury Wednesday night discussed the creation of such an office after a committee report showed that Community Hospital had \$102,000 delinquent claims accumulated over a period of about four years.

Edmonds stated that he plans to bring the matter before the board officially before the next fiscal budget was passed, for if such an office were created, funds for it must be budgeted.

Edmonds also commented that such an office would serve a useful purpose. To the grand jury's recommendation that the supervisors' salaries be doubled, he said annually, he expressed his appreciation.

"I think it is recognition of our efforts," he said. "We can't have any outside interests any more—we are tied to our job."

McDonald was reluctant to comment on the grand jury's discussion of the creation of a third superior court, and all Edmonds would say was that the need exists, we should have it." He said that the matter had never been discussed by the board.

Wrestlers Win

Coach Luke Argilla's second and third string Sequoia High School wrestlers gained a 29-14 victory at Sunnyvale Fremont High School varsity Monday.

103-Sequoia for forfeit, 112-Smith (P) defeated O'Donnell (S), fall, 1:14, 3rd period. 120-Price (P) defeated Neilsen (S), 4-3 decisions, 125-Friano (S) defeated Ichikawa (P), 5-3 decisions, 133-Jagger (S) defeated Fidas (P), 4-1 decisions, 145-Adams (S) defeated Adams (S), 145-Walker (S) defeated Woodward (P), fall, 1:20, 2nd period. 154-Cook (S) defeated Hylekema (P), 5-4 decisions, 165-Rose (S) defeated Caporale (P), fall, 4:07, 2nd period. 175-Cook (S) defeated Lunford (P), fall, 1:30, 1st period. Unlimited-Orlando (P) defeated Mundel (S), 6-2.

News of Commuters

BY JOE CABOOSE

Those who enjoyed the San Carlos Athletic Club's benefit show at the Carlos Theater Friday night, premiering "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim" with Betty Grable, will be fascinated by the inside story of how this big time performance was arranged.

Commuter J. Wade Coss of San Carlos decided to do something for the local Cubs and Scouts, who were broke and needed wood and leather-working tools. Wade recalled that the American Legion had staged a benefit theater party. So he buzzed the Carlos manager and worked out a similar deal for his boys. But, after concluding arrangements and preparing tickets, he advised someone higher up had vetoed the deal.

Out on a limb, Coss began grasping for straws. He read about the local Cubs and Scouts, who were broke and needed wood and leather-working tools. Wade recalled that the American Legion had staged a benefit theater party. So he buzzed the Carlos manager and worked out a similar deal for his boys. But, after concluding arrangements and preparing tickets, he advised someone higher up had vetoed the deal.

Coss figured it was a polite brushoff, but he stated his business and hung up. Next morning before Coss was out of the house, "What can I do for you, Wade?" he asked, as if he had known him for years. The dumbfounded Coss told his story. "Put it off," Coss said. "I'll call you later." Coss, promising nothing, within 24 hours, Coss was advised by the Carlos manager that his group had been assigned the Betty Grable show.

We were mighty proud to read in the Tribune that our own Chester Armstrong, city councilman and member of the Commuters Club, had been elected president of the new Sequoia District Hospital Board. We know the devotion with which Chester has served this cause, and it is fitting that he should be given this public recognition. Whether it is a favor to him is another question. Chester is already the most over-worked citizen in Redwood City, giving more than five nights a week to council meetings, Boy Scout activities and to other public service groups.

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Airport News

By BARNEY GUGEL

Richard Zellerbach, accompanied by some members of his family, christened his new Navion with a quart of champagne at the Palo Alto flying field last Sunday. The plane was christened "Zebride" and the bottle was smashed against the landing gear so as not to dent the ship.

A quart seems to be an awfully large bottle to use in the christening of a small plane. Here's our suggestion—on a small craft like a Piper Cub use a champagne split or pint. On a larger plane, a quart, and on a two motor job, a magnum. You'll be able to buzz down to Hollywood for a quick breakfast at Sardi's, then over to New Orleans for a lunch of gulf seafood, on up to Chicago for dinner at the Pump Room, and then return to the Bay Area in time for the 10 o'clock news. The "Sunday driver" will be replaced by the "Sunday flier."

The Belmont Airport expects to have the first 1947 Cessna in the Bay Area.

Gag of the week: A Midwest flier bought himself a new helicopter and decided to take a quick trip out to the West Coast. Spying a young girl waiting for a ride, he landed and asked her to bring the copter down alongside.

"Hiya sister," he said, "I'm flying West."

"How wonderful," she retorted, "bring me back an orange."

Films Shown

San Mateo County directors of the California Mission Trails Assn. Monday announced that the history of California Missions will be related by word and picture at a dinner meeting in San Mateo Feb. 6.

The Rev. Edward Shipsey, S.J., Santa Clara University and authority on the history of the missions, will speak. The association has secured a special release for a California travelogue in color moving pictures depicting El Camino Real. Hugh H. Smith Jr. of Daly City, vice president of the California Mission Trails Assn., said today the purpose of the meeting is three-fold. The association desires to stress the importance of the historic El Camino Real, to help the El Portal del Sol School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Forty-five of the 47 units in Seventeenth District and many unit publicity chairman attended the luncheon. The Rev. John Wilkins, First Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

Magnolia leaves, comic paper garlands, and corsages decorated the luncheon tables. Place cards were made by Mrs. W. E. Taylor, L. G. Evans, Mrs. Millard Richard, and Mrs. Dan K. Tilley prepared the decorative Circle Five of the First Methodist Church, Burlingame, served the luncheon.

Gypsy's Demise

Gypsy's, haunt of bohemians and atmosphere-seekers in the hills above San Bruno, will be denied a permit if its owner tries to rebuild the San Mateo County Planning Commission indicated late yesterday.

The restaurant, home of exotic masques and a fabulous round bed, was destroyed Jan. 11 in a \$75,000 fire.

Frank Skillman, secretary of the planning commission, said that the owner, Barney Morrow of San Francisco, had telephoned him yesterday as to the status of the buildings.

Gypsy's, Skillman told the commission, was a non-conforming building in a residential zone. This means that the building was there before the area was zoned to one-family residential.

A county ordinance states, Skillman said, that if a non-conforming building is destroyed to 75 per cent of its assessed valuation, in rebuilding it must conform to present zoning laws.

This would exclude Gypsy's, Skillman explained, for possible legal action which Morrow may take to force the commission to grant a permit, the commission ordered the owner to take photographs of the fire damage, for use as evidence that the fire damage amounts to that specified in the ordinance.

Underpass Report

John W. Ryan, chairman, said today that the Redwood City underpass committee had completed a survey and was preparing a report for the city council.

What the committee will recommend he would not make public, explaining that any proposal would involve the city's purchasing land and would also involve the valuation of other lands — if it were made public.

The committee was formed to make a study of railroad crossings in the city.

Forum Letter

To the Editor: I know, or rather, I don't expect that this letter will be published, but I still feel that it should be written.

A week ago, I tried to buy a home — a county. Why? Because I'm minor. I'm an overseas veteran — minor. I'm married and my wife is going to have a baby. Minor? I'd like to know why. As far as I'm concerned, that rupture duck says that I'm a man. Old enough to fight, but not old enough to own San Mateo County real estate, or California real estate for that matter. The government will grant my loan, the Bank of America will grant my loan, but I can't get a deed to the property and therefore, no loans.

What the hell good is the duck doing me?

FRANK O'HEARN

Meet Press

That more intimate contacts are appreciated by the press was the feeling expressed at the 17th District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers press luncheon held on Thursday, at the First Methodist Church in Burlingame.

Thor M. Smith, assistant publisher of a San Francisco newspaper addressed the group on "Newspaper and School Tie-up." Mr. Smith outlined three ways the two could cooperate, in charity activities, in education, and in safety campaigns. He stated, "Surveys have shown that American citizens do not know the 'Bill of Rights,' what it is, or where it is, and newspapers and schools are mutually responsible."

Women's page editors of San Mateo County newspapers introduced by Mrs. Millard Richards, Seventeenth District publicity chairman, were Mrs. E. Boulah, C. Schindler, first past publicity chairman for Seventeenth District and women's page editor of the San Mateo Times; Mrs. Aileen Bramble, second publicity chairman for the district and women's page editor for the Burlingame Advance; Mrs. Lois Brown and Mrs. Stanley Fryer, the Redwood City Tribune and Mrs. Marjorie Elston of the San Bruno Herald.

Past district publicity chairman introduced were Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. T. E. Drisko, Mrs. M. C. Brown, and Mrs. Arne Hersom. Also presented were Mrs. L. G. Owen of Redwood City, Seventeenth District president; Mrs. J. Garland of Menlo Park, past state president; Mrs. Stella Jensen, past district president; Mrs. L. G. Evans, junior past district president; and Miss Fanny Jewett Abbott, county superintendent of schools.

Musical selections were given by Rae Deane Spaulding, gifted young pianist. Her numbers were "Rhapsody in G Minor, Opus 76," Brahms; "Hungarian Rhapsody," Liszt and "Sivillia" by Albeniz.

Mrs. M. G. Strohmmeier presided for the business meeting. Recommendation of the executive board that 20 years of the district's history be compiled and records filed at the College Museum was accepted.

History committee members were Mrs. L. G. Owen, Mrs. J. Garland, Mrs. Stella Jensen, Mrs. B. D. Ralston, Mrs. George Bruns, Mrs. L. G. Evans, and Mrs. M. G. Strohmmeier. Life membership committee appointed was Mrs. L. G. Owen, Mrs. J. M. Foley, and Mrs. C. N. Underwood. A discussion of life memberships was given by Mrs. Owen, life membership chairman.

Reports were given by publicity chairman, Mrs. R. P. Maynard, magazine chairman, Mrs. A. A. Andersen, membership chairman, Mrs. J. E. Dermody, who reported 170 members to date with the district goal set at 10,000 and music chairman, Mrs. J. T. Engerson, who stated the Mother's Sons are being formed again at Hayward Park School and interested persons are invited to participate. Units were asked to assist in getting the mother to help at the El Portal del Sol School on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Forty-five of the 47 units in Seventeenth District and many unit publicity chairman attended the luncheon. The Rev. John Wilkins, First Methodist Church, gave the invocation.

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Cow Palace

A million-dollar expansion program to build the Cow Palace into the world's biggest stock show layout was bared Friday afternoon before the County Planning Commission.

Porter Seson of Menlo Park, a director of Agriculture District No. 1, which owns the Cow Palace, revealed the plans when he asked the commission for a use permit to construct a spur track along Geneva Ave.

Seson said that the directors of the agricultural district would meet Monday to discuss acceptance of plans received Thursday from the state division of architects in Sacramento.

If accepted, the plans would call for construction before Oct. 1 of at least four large structural buildings, a house, sheep and some for the next Grand National Livestock Show.

The decision to erect the buildings came as a result of the rain and wind which recently spelled disaster to the show last November when the large tents housing the livestock collapsed, Seson said.

Stockmen would be unwilling to risk their prize animals and the buildings are necessary if the directors are to succeed in their avowed decision to make the exposition into the finest stock show in the country.

The commission referred Seson's request for a spur track to County Engineer M. A. Grant and said that public hearings would be scheduled. Seson submitted plans for the spur track, to run from a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spur along three blocks on Geneva Ave. and into the Cow Palace grounds. He said that probably 50 carloads of prize livestock would arrive at the Grand National this year.

He stated that the spur track would be used only twice a year, during the Grand National and during a junior stock show by four-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America in the Spring. And the actual movement of the cars could be scheduled for the winter months. Geneva Ave. was at a minimum.

Seson said that last November 2137 head of stock was moved to the Cow Palace, some by trucks. In coming stock show, he estimated as 3500 head would arrive.

The directors of the agricultural district also are considering cutting the big stock show to not more than 10 days, and the junior show to five.

The new buildings, if constructed, would add a permanent exposition village to the Cow Palace, the world's largest indoor arena which was constructed at a cost of \$2,500,000.

Definitely slated for construction before next fall if the plans are accepted are the four auxiliary stock buildings. For beef and dairy cattle, the plans call for the construction of two buildings each with 200 square feet and a floor space of 62,400 square feet each. The interior of each of these units would be divided by two fire-walls into three sections spanning 100 feet each. The sheep and swine would be quartered in two buildings 120 by 200 feet and a floor space of 24,000 square feet.

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Pay Boosts

Wage increases—mainly asked to offset rising living costs are being sought by at least six San Mateo County construction unions a survey showed today.

In addition a new plan to provide paid vacations for construction employees has been advanced by the unions and is currently being studied in the negotiations.

Albert H. Randolf, of Burlingame, secretary of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Council, said a method similar to Social Security was being studied as a means of providing a vacation fund.

He pointed out that because building tradesmen work for many different employers during a year it is difficult to establish a workable vacation plan. So, the unions have proposed creation of a vacation fund into which payments would be made throughout the year, regardless of the nature of work or the number of employers.

No concrete agreements have been reached yet, he said.

Most of the negotiations are conducted on a Bay Area basis, through union district councils and employer associations.

Construction unions now negotiating include sheet metal workers, painters, lathers, plumbers and electricians.

In addition, the carpenters, affiliated with the Building Trades Council have had one area-wide meeting with employers and another is to be held in San Francisco next Tuesday.

Present hourly wage scales for the various unions are: Sheet metal workers, painters and carpenters, \$1.75; lathers, plumbers and electricians, \$2.

Feted by Family

Matching gold rings were presented to Mr. and Mrs. William H. Box of Redwood City by their sons and daughters on Friday, when the couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home at 657 2nd Ave.

A double ring mock wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph Benson of the North Fair Oaks Community Church in honor of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Box were married 50 years ago in Russellville, Ala. They came to Redwood City 17 years ago. Their children are Mrs. Frank Martin of Redwood City, Mrs. Frank Scott of San Francisco, Mr. William Box of Ukiah, Mr. Robert L. Box of Little Rock, Ark., and the late Mr. Roy Box, whose wife and family from San Francisco were present for the celebration.

Among the grandchildren attending were Trinitie Hester, Rebecca Thompson, Raymond Box Jr., Ronald David Martin, Cheryl Caroline Scott, Ann Shirley Martin, Howard Harrison and Betty Link.

Mrs. Box wore a flowered dress and a corsage of yellow roses for the mock wedding ceremony. The buffet table was decorated with American Beauty roses and a two-tier wedding cake. A daffodil plant was presented to them by the Bensons.

Harpists Performs

Anne Louise David and her famed "victory" harp entertained over 500 patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital Friday evening, "Victory." Miss David's harp has an enviable service record having been "on the road" at service hospitals, veterans hospitals and USO centers since March of 1942. Miss David has made and distributed over a ton of home made fudge along with her brilliant musical recitals.

In spite of the vast amount of entertainment provided by San Francisco's Miss David during the war, she said, that this work is more important than ever and urges everyone with something to offer in the way of talent to join her in this worthwhile and necessary work.

Traffic Tots Feted

The junior safety patrol boys of Lincoln School were entertained by Mr. Clarence Petersen, school principal, on Saturday evening at a theater party and "treat." Mrs. Thomas James, safety chairman of the 17th District and a member of the Lincoln PTA, also accompanied the boys.

Twenty-five young traffic officers, who have served faithfully at the Lincoln School crossings in guiding the younger children safely across the street, were in on the party as a reward for the first semester's work.

They were Billy Barney, Bob Bell, Richard Bell, Justin Berglund, Richard Butterfield, Bob Carlson, Billy Cesar, Warren Eardley, Robert Ebner, Graham Gillespie, Billy Griffith, Bob Hunt, Robert L. Berge, Ronald Mohr, Terry Muller, Donny McLean, Billy Noble, Bill Stegemist, Ronny Place, Wayne Smithson, John Spinas, Wesley Taylor, Robert Taboe and Richard Watson.

Win Suit

was granted Wednesday afternoon evening brought in a verdict for \$10,000 damages for Kenneth and Lily Echols of Belmont for injuries suffered in July, 1945, in an accident with an ambulance.

The two had asked a total of \$40,000 damages against Frank Peterson and the California Jockey Club. The case against the jockey ages were only against Peterson, who was operating the ambulance service.

The complaint had charged that the two were injured when the automobile driven by Echols collided with Peterson's ambulance on Old County Rd. and Ralston Ave., Belmont. The ambulance was carrying the jockey club insignia, the complaint stated.

Drive Planned

With the task ahead of conducting a community-wide drive to help the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church pay its \$12,577 Santa Cruz Ave. improvement project assessment fee, a permanent Menlo Park Citizens' Committee was formally launched by 35 persons meeting last Friday at Central School.

The new committee immediately voted George Angus into office as its chairman, Wallace Ott as secretary and Larry Johnston as treasurer. All three officers formerly served as temporary officials of the provisional committee, which dissolved last night with the formation of the permanent committee.

Members of the new executive committee appointed last night by Angus are Thomas Cuff, Mario Paccioretti, O. H. Olson, Jack Yount, Paul Bryant, Edwin S. Banta, John Davenport, Verne L. Seybold, Victor Greisser, Louis Scottford, E. F. Holt, Chris Connor, Floyd Lowe, the Rev. Eric Jackson and Harry E. Morey.

A drive quota will be about \$9000 because the church will receive compensation from its \$12,577 assessment fund fee for land surrendered for the middle-of-the-road parking area.

Lowe, member of the new general committee and subsequently named to the executive committee by Angus, declared that he disagreed with the church's idea of retaining its potential business center of Menlo Park, and called for long-distance planning by which the church would hold its present property until it increases in value as business property, and then sell out and build on its new site.

Mr. Angus said he thought the movement is "unique," in the way that persons in the community representing every denomination and faith have gotten together to help the church in the interest of the welfare of the community.

The Rev. Don Emerson Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, expressed the appreciation of the church for the committee's help.

Truth Told

Coming just a few weeks after the announcement of the engagement of her brother, Bernard Olsen, is news of the truth of Mary Pauline Olsen to John Butler.

Mary and Bernard and another brother, Arthur, are the children of Mr. Arthur R. Olsen of 630 Arlington Rd., vice president of Millbrae, and the late Mrs. Olsen. Bernard's engagement to Gloria Gherini was told on New Year's Day at a party at the A. T. Gherini home.

Mary revealed her intentions to wed on last Saturday at a luncheon party at the St. Francis Hotel. Among those attending were Mrs. E. B. Butler and Mrs. C. Averill of Wisconsin, mother and sister of the bridegroom-to-be, Mrs. W. Byrnes, Mary's aunt, and a group of 15 of the bride-elect's younger friends.

No date has been set for the wedding, but it is expected to take place in the late Spring.

Mary attended Dominican College and received her degree in music at the University of California, where she was a Chi Omega. She formerly taught in the Redwood City Elementary Schools.

John recently returned from three years' overseas duty as a lieutenant in the navy. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has now returned to his former position as chemical engineer with the Shell Development Co.

Sequoia Scouts

The annual meeting of the Sequoia Girl Scout Council was held following a luncheon at the Ramon Oaks last week. Mrs. D. G. Berglund, commissioner, elected for the second year, introduced her new officers: Mrs. David Bohannon, deputy commissioner; Mrs. H. F. Schroeder, secretary, and Mrs. Fred Blazie, treasurer.

Reports were given by city chairmen: Mrs. Schroeder, San Carlos; Mrs. Robert Warnock, Redwood City; Mrs. King Harris, Woodside, and Mrs. Mario Paccioretti, Menlo Park. All committee chairmen gave their annual reports.

Mrs. Cliff Hutton, Woodhaven camp committee chairman, expressed appreciation to all friends of the Girl Scouts who assisted in making the camping season at Woodhaven so successful last year. The camp is equipped to take care of even more girls this coming year and there will be year around scouting, she said.

Members attending were Mmes. D. G. Berglund, A. S. Kalenborn, H. F. Schroeder, George Mettler, Paul McCarthy, A. H. Sagehorn, Cliff Hutton, Fred Blazie, Fred Kubes, I. E. Chapman, J. C. Davenport, Vern Flora, Lyle Winter, Mario Paccioretti, Frank McKenzie, Herbert Shears and Miss Martha Keefe, executive secretary. Special guests were Mrs. David Shepherd and Mrs. J. Roy Moore, past commissioners and Mrs. H. Boone of San Francisco.

Stones Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Stone entertained the members of the Saturday Evening Club of St. Peter's Episcopal Church at their home at 108 Somerset last Saturday night with Mrs. H. W. Gregory as co-hostess.

Mrs. Stone was elected to head the club with Mrs. George Robertson as secretary and Mr. Newton Swift, treasurer. The Rev. and Mrs. Fordyce Eastburn were given honorary memberships.

The next meeting on Feb. 15 will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harper, 500 Somerset St., with Mrs. Paul Surber as co-hostess.

Plans were also made for a dance and box social to be held in the near future.

Eastern Star

Sequoia Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, met last Tuesday for initiation services at the Masonic Hall. Snow covered trees decorated the hall in the winter motif.

Guests were Deputy Grand Matron of the 40th District Ethel Holmquist, and Worthy Matron Margaret Bullock of George Washington Chapter in San Francisco. Estelle Clattenberg sang vocal solos to the accompaniment of Mrs. Velma Van Dyke at the piano.

Refreshments were served by Neva Spillers, chairman, assisted by Nona Turbitt, Arlynn Selden and Virginia Dell.

Musician's Meet

The newly organized Musical Workshop met in Redwood City last Thursday evening at the Woman's Club at which time Mrs. Alta Brown Chittenden was appointed program chairman.

Mrs. Chittenden's Harmony Clan, has served the Palo Alto Workshop for the past two years and will now become a part of the new organization.

Miss Alice Joy, chairman of music in hospitals for the California Federation of Music Clubs, gave an informal talk on the program for hospital wards, which were demonstrated by members playing various musical numbers.

Miss Joy also addressed the members of the Woman's Club in the afternoon on Thursday at their regular meeting.

The Double H Boys, Harold and Henry Gragg, sang to their own accompaniment on the guitar and mandolin. The Ranchettes, Betty and Lois Dean, also sang and played guitar accompaniment.

An instrumental trio composed of Marjorie Coykendall, Grace Childs and Dorothy Bourquin played several pieces of music. They are new members of the workshop.

Miss Letta Grass, Mr. Ralph Jacobs of San Mateo, Mrs. R. Freiter, Mrs. DeLoe Schenck, Ruth Doak, Mrs. Lyle Bourquin, Mrs. H. F. Coykendall, Mrs. A. A. Childs, and Miss Fay Jimeron.

The last of a series of three organization meetings will be held next Thursday at 7:45 at the Woman's Club, when Mr. Jackson Green, a pianist, will also play test music, and Mrs. Iris Stishur, noted music therapist, Miss Catherine Williams, also of the hospital staff, will sing. The public has been invited to attend.

Sunday in Redwood City at Veterans Hospital and Betty and Lois Dean, Marjorie Coykendall, Grace Childs and Dorothy Bourquin will entertain.

Chosen Chief

Johnnie Wrentmore, Sequoia High School graduate, has been elected president of the San Mateo Junior College student body for the Spring semester, which opens in February. It took three days of voting last week to elect the college elections.

Wrentmore has been active in sports, student government, and a member of the staff of the college newspaper.

Other student body officers chosen were Frank Bernard, vice president from Oakland; Mary Bland, secretary from Millbrae; Bill Grump, treasurer from Burlingame; Bob Evans, athletic manager from Daly City; Betsy Vanden Bosch, head cheerleader from Walnut Grove; Bob Shotwell, high soph representative from Redwood City; Ken Bogel, low soph representative from Millbrae, and John Spears, high soph representative from Millbrae.

Nominees from outside the San Mateo-Burlingame area who lost in the elections were Norman Anderson, San Jose; Gene Morris, South San Francisco; Dorothy Cerqui, Redwood City; Anita Lehigh, Daly City; Erving Metzgar, San Carlos, and Marjorie Schoorl, Belmont.

Many communities were represented in the elections for the Women's Athletic Assn. Margaret Charles of Redwood City defeated Donna Markle of San Bruno for the presidency; Rosemary Jeserich of San Carlos won the vice presidency; Pauline Hawkberry of Redwood City lost the position of secretary to Barbara Hofmann of Burlingame, and Mrs. George Cuff of Menlo Park defeated Mickey Russell of Palo Alto for the office of treasurer.

Bob O'Neil of San Mateo defeated Don Rogers of Menlo Park for the presidency of the Associated Men Students; Arie Schoorl of Belmont won the vice presidency, and Jack Bennett of Millbrae defeated Don Gaylord of Redwood City for the office of secretary treasurer.

Board Meets

The first new year's meeting of the board of directors of the San Mateo County Pro America Unit was held at the J. Lindsay Hanna home in the Carolands on Thursday. Mrs. Hanna entertained the board members at luncheon following the business session.

Among those attending were Mrs. Richard Heilmann, Mrs. Augustus Taylor Jr., Mrs. Edmund T. King, Mrs. Joseph J. Pausner, Mrs. William L. Holloway, Mrs. Clayton Westbay, Miss Irene Farrell, Mrs. Howard Stillwell, Mrs. Robert D. Stetson and Mrs. Herbert M. Schick, San Mateo; Mrs. Eugene M. Prince, San Francisco; Mrs. Claude H. Rolfe, Mrs. Oliver Dible, Mrs. Lloyd D. Wise, Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn and Mrs. Waver Dracwell of South San Mateo County.

Mrs. Augustus Taylor Jr., unit chairman, presided at the business meeting.

Educational plans will be outlined by a program committee appointed by Mrs. Taylor and composed of the following: Chairman for North County, Mrs. Earl D. Stetson; chairman for South County, Mrs. Lloyd D. Wise, assisted by Mrs. A. S. Kalenborn; the program advisory committee, to consist of Mrs. Richard Heilmann, Mrs. J. Lindsay Hanna, Mrs. William L. Holloway, Mrs. Herbert M. Schick and Mrs. Howard Stillwell.

Mrs. Walter Draewell of Redwood City presented a detailed report of county supervisor proceedings, county budget and tax structures, charter amendments status and board of health problems.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. William Farwell, 30 Inner Circle, Redwood City, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Moritz, 1186 Cleveland St., Redwood City, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall, 740 16th Ave., Menlo Park, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

Possible Sale

Possible sale by San Francisco of the Crystal Springs hotel to private builders was discussed last Wednesday at a meeting of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors.

The board asked the Public Utilities Commission to restudy the proposed sale of the land. No action for the sale was taken last night.

Lutherans Meet

Redcemer Lutheran Church in Redwood City held its annual congregation dinner at the church Thursday, at which time Mr. Harry Logan, retiring president, presided.

Statistical reports were given by the pastor, officers of the church and leaders of the various societies. The Rev. John Marozik, pastor, in his report stated that "all reports showed that the congregation and societies in it have experienced the most successful and prosperous year in the history of the congregation."

A new board of elders was elected at the meeting and will be installed at the 11 o'clock church service tomorrow. Those elected were president, George Milheim; vice president, Herman Kehe; secretary, W. D. Brookfield; treasurer, Gustav A. Gull; financial secretary, William Carft; assistant financial secretary, Fred Page.

Other church officers named were music director, Mrs. Esther Marozik; choral director, Prof. Fred Barthelmus; organist, Mrs. Leola Page; head usher, Jack Shade; Sunday school superintendent, Elwood Tank, and chancel decorating committee, Mr. and Mrs. George Paul, Edward and George Spitzer.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sutter, 1046 McCue, San Carlos, a daughter was born on Jan. 17 at Mills Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Todd Westcott, 990 McCue, San Carlos, a daughter was born on Jan. 17 at Mills Memorial Hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Denison, 328 Center St., Redwood City, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Erik Meegaard, Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Harris, 561 Ninth Ave., Menlo Park, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Leslie, 119 Opal Ave., Redwood City, a son was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pease, 1084 Valparaiso Ave., Menlo Park, a daughter was born in the Palo Alto Hospital on Jan. 20.

To Open Office

John Brickell of Menlo Park is one of two men who plan to open a real estate and insurance office called "Business Opportunities," at 1354 El Camino Real, San Carlos, on Feb. 1. His partner is Allan McLean of Redwood City.

Treasure Tea

The art treasure tea to be held by the Woman's Club of Belmont for Philippine relief on Feb. 5 at the old Ralston mansion, now the Notre Dame College in Belmont, promises to be one of the brilliant affairs of the season.

Residents of the Peninsula are loaning their valuable art treasures for the affair and local and San Francisco artists will exhibit.

The Woman's Club of Belmont became interested in aiding the women of the Philippines after a federation speaker told how two representatives from the Manila Women's Club had interviewed her on relief. The Sisters of Notre Dame consented to open the Ralston mansion to the public because of their great interest in this cause. A representative of the consul general of the Philippines will speak at the tea.

Among the things which will be seen that day are old porcelain, 17th and 18th century pieces of silver from France and "Capo di Monti" porcelain of the early 18th century formerly owned by the nobility of Spain and Italy. A rare collection of Austrian porcelain, part of a dinner set of the royal house of Hapsburg and old venetian goblets, belonging to Mrs. Frances Hodgkins of Belmont will be on exhibit.

Among the artists who will show their work are Mrs. Larry Dornier and Mrs. Knudsen of San Francisco.

Mrs. Hugh Stark of Belle Monte is chairman of the art tea. She is being assisted by Mrs. George Hulstede who has charge of the art exhibit. Mrs. Lloyd Taft, past president of the Woman's Club, has charge of the program for that day which will include musical selections by the pupils of Notre Dame.

The tea committee includes Mmes. Caston Pope, George Doyle, Oscar Lind, Peter Ross and Harry Olwang. Mrs. C. H. Beckwith is president of the club.

Tea will be served from 1:30-4:30 and the public has been invited to attend.

Eagles Initiate

Redwood City Eagles added six men to their membership rolls last Friday during initiation ceremonies at the IOOF Hall.

New members include Al Rollins, Joe Canfield, R. C. Jennings, H. E. Nelson, L. H. Elkins, and L. W. Johnson.

The acie delegated Pres. D. F. Peters and Secy. W. C. Clarke to attend an Eagles' meeting in Sacramento tomorrow.

Receive Rector

St. Peter's Episcopal Church was crowded last Friday for the reception honoring the new associate rector, the Rev. Fordyce Eastburn, and Mrs. Eastburn, who arrived in Redwood City last week from Del Rio, Tex., with their three children, William, Jane and John.

Besides the many members of St. Peter's Church, pastors and prominent members of other Redwood City churches were also in the receiving line were the Rev. Egbert Clark, rector of the church, and Mrs. Clark; the Rev. and Mrs. George Ray; Mr. and Mrs. Sherman D. Gardner and Dr. J. O. Greenwell.

A program of music was presented by Mrs. Lois Leese, vocalist, Mrs. Virginia Savick, cello, Mrs. John Chevins, pianist and Dr. Greenwell.

Buffet refreshments were served by candlelight at tables set with lace cloths, silver service and tall tapers. Large bowls of white snapdragons centered each table. Pouring punch was Mrs. H. H. Pauling and presiding at the coffee and tea tables were Mmes. E. J. Rose-nauer, H. L. Irwin, Roy Labachotte, E. G. Ashby and John Slack.

On the decorations committee were Mrs. Labachotte, Mrs. Wesley Taylor and Mrs. Sidney Mackenzie. Others on the refreshment committee were Mmes. F. W. Owen, Waldo Stone, S. A. Erickson and Miss Winnifred Cobbe.

On the general committee were vestrymen and their wives, Messrs. E. Bruce, William A. Harper, N. Y. Patch, Harry W. Porte, G. S. Robertson, Newton Swift, E. S. Thomas, Thomas Vernal, Russell J. Conney, H. H. Pauling, Percy H. Wilson and Comdr. and Mrs. H. L. Irwin, Mr. Norbert Lambert, Miss Eileen Lambert and Dr. and Mrs. Wesley H. Taylor. Also on the committee were last year's guild officers, Mmes. Harry Feldscher, William Grover, S. A. Erickson and F. W. Owen.

Studied to Sing

Vocalist Doris Galtier, a recent find of Sequoia High School music teacher Otto M. Carrington, will perform for the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner Jan. 29, E. W. (Ned) Butler, chamber vice president and manager, announced today.

Butler said the ticket sale was going well and that he was gratified at the number of older residents who were purchasing tickets, evidently to honor Daniel R. Stafford, only surviving member of the original board of trade formed 50 years ago.

'Teen Center

The Sequoia High School student committee for the new Teen Age Center in Redwood City is busy selling memberships to students at the school this week. Memberships can be purchased for one dollar for a three months' period. It was announced, and the money will be used by the cokes and study set to maintain their clubhouse and to purchase supplies.

On Friday night the first dance will be held in the center, located in the old library building at Jefferson and Broadway. The informal affair is for members only and will be followed by "open house" on Saturday afternoon and evening and on Sunday afternoon for parents and interested persons.

Blue and white crepe paper decorations are already up for the Friday night affair. Seven cases of cokes, candy, chewing gum and peanuts will be on sale to the club members. Dancing will be to the juke box. Proceeds will be used to purchase more supplies for the snack bar.

Plans are to hold dances every Friday and Saturday night for the month to establish the popularity of the center. A guest book will be signed by all of those attending.

Working with the teen-agers in helping to establish the center are Mr. Carl Britschgi, Mr. Arthur N. Poole, Mr. Roy N. Cloud Jr., Mrs. A. Tucker and Mrs. James Brown. Local business men have aided materially in furnishing many needed aces.

Henry DeWree, a Sequoia student, is head of the student committee.

DAV Dedication

The Edmund Parrot Chapter 16, DAV, conducted the dedication of a new national flag and chapter emblem banner at a meeting held recently at the Redwood City Veterans' Bldg. Dept. Senior Vice Comdr. John W. Shannon, acted as dedication officer.

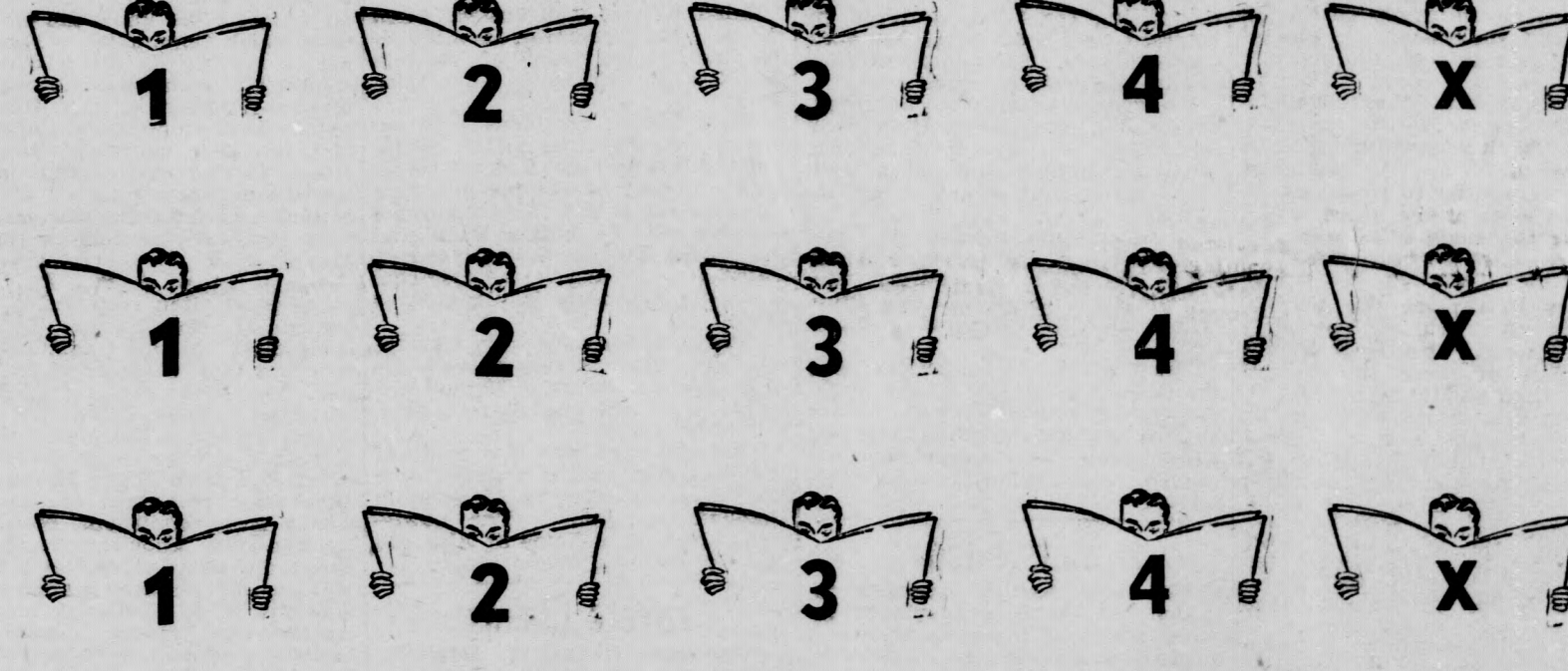
Among the guests were Judge Edmund Scott, County Treasurer T. C. Rice, County Supervisors A. S. Hatch, Col. Henry Edmonds and T. L. Hickey, and City Councilman Floyd Granger.

Entertainment was provided by pupils of the Dorothy Roberts Dancing School.

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Garden

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Well-wishing friends have sometimes cautioned against overworking. They wonder how daily writing, talking, etc. can be done without tiring one out completely. However, you'll usually find that those who seem to be working constantly, aren't really working at all. They're simply having fun.

I've seen kids playing so hard that they've expended enough energy to wear out an adult. And certainly those youngsters would be absolutely incapable of putting half that energy into a job they didn't enjoy. Having fun, they're relaxed and they don't tire.

Maybe you've had this experience: When a group of children are playing—running around like mad and whooping and hollering it up—call one of them aside and put him to something easy but tedious, like pulling a few weeds, or pushing a lawn mower around. Nine times out of 10 that child will start to droop, and he'll be completely fatigued in an hour, while the rest of the kids, who've been spending many times the amount of energy, are still fresh as daisies.

It holds for adults, too. If you're doing something interesting you'll be hard to tire, and can keep "working" practically all your waking hours.

That's why I get letters from ladies who tire so quickly with housework which they find boring, some, but who can get out and spend, and who can keep going all day in the garden without feeling they've been doing any work.

If you can teach a child to enjoy gardening, he can do a giant's share of the chores for you. But it's a real trick—teaching.

Mrs. John Marshall Scherr writes: "Should I prune back my Boysenberries? They have grown quite high on a fence and look scraggly. If so, how far back shall I prune them?"

For the benefit of those who don't have a copy of it (now out of print), I'm going to quote from Circular 80 of the U. S. Agricultural Extension Service: "Bushy Boysenberry in California," by H. M. Butterfield.

"Blackberries, (including the Boysen, thornless Boysen, Nectar, Logan and Young varieties) are pruned so that they may be tied to wire trellises or to stakes, or trained to grow upright without support of any kind. The varieties that trail, or produce long runners, are trained to wire stretched on posts and the stronger, upright-growing varieties are tied to stakes or pruned stakes so that they are able to support their own weights.

"The length of the canes left to produce a crop the following season varies considerably with the variety and with the place where the best in different sections. Strong-growing varieties, like the Lawton and Crandall are usually pruned back to three or four feet. Trailing varieties of blackberries, like the Himalayas, Eranthe, Mammoth, Cory, Kosmo, Logan, Boysen and Young are cut back leaving eight to 16 feet of growth.

"It is a good practice to tip back or cut off the ends of the growing shoots during the summer as soon as they have reached the desired length.

"New canes to replace the old ones removed after fruiting canes are sown around the crown of the plant. More of these suckers are produced than should be allowed to grow. For most varieties, from four to seven healthy new canes should be left to each hill and all small or inferior ones cut off close to the ground. This thinning of canes can be done during the early growing season. All canes cut off should be removed from the plantation and burned as soon as practicable.

"A special pruning system has been developed for the young varieties and has recently been recommended for the thornless form of the Boysen. This consists in cutting off all canes on plants of these varieties, both old and new, just as soon as the crop is off—usually about July 1. In a warm climate and with good soil conditions vigorous plants grow sufficient new canes to produce a good crop of berries the next season.

Veterans' Building

City Atty. Paul McCarthy's opinion on the legality of the United Veterans' Council administering the Veterans' Bldg. will top an agenda before the city council this evening in the city hall.

Members of the American Veterans Committee questioned whether the city could legally turn over the city property to the veterans council. The AVC was denied use of the building by the veterans council, and the city council requested McCarthy to give a legal opinion on the question.

City Clerk Ralph S. Dodge said he understood that some property owners would also be on hand to protest a planning commission rezoning recommendation. At the last commission session, a recommendation was made that council rezoned to first residential property north of the Hetch Hetchy right of way near the John Gill School.

At that time, James Campbell of the planning firm of Hahn, Campbell and Associates had approved the move, claiming the zoning lines should run through back lots as the right of way does. Dodge said he understood the property owners protesting the recommendation want additional lands rezoned from second residential (multiple dwelling permitted).

Other items on the agenda include: Consideration of a Park and Recreation Commission master plan.

The plan was done by William Penn Mott Jr. of Oakland. It covers a 25-year program for the city's park system.

Birthday Party

Jean Marmont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Marmont of 535 Encina Ave., Atherton, celebrated her 10th birthday on Saturday at a party given in her honor by her mother.

Luncheon was served the young guests with a large birthday cake and ice cream as a climax. Later the children all attended the movies in Palo Alto.

They were Barbara Woods, Ann Chequiere, Meredith Woods, Janice Woods, Charles Mewes, and Darla Seis.

Refuted Arson

Flatly refuting any reports of premeditated arson in San Mateo's five planning mill fires in a week which were climaxed Saturday with the total destruction of the Peninsula Milling Co. plant, Fire Chief Hugh Morris Monday declared: "It's just one of those odd coincidences."

The \$150,000 blaze, which nearly spread south and east to other lumber yards and residential areas, imperiled a minimum of five square blocks valued at half a million dollars.

When firemen reached the scene the one-story mill and two-story lumber storage buildings were a mass of flames which were rapidly spreading north and south, according to officials.

"We have no basis for believing arson is behind the series of blazes which have hit Pedersen and Arnold, the San Mateo Planning Co., Peninsula Milling Co., Morris asserted.

He said it was felt that vagrants were responsible for the other two major fires, but disclaimed on that possibility in the latest fire.

"We can't say now it got started. It was impossible for anyone to pick the location because of the spread of the flames before we were called," he said.

All machinery and lumber in the 100 by 500 foot area were consumed with company offices at the corner of Fifth Ave. and the corner of the San Mateo Planning Co. building.

Six of the regular crews of 35 paid firemen were injured. Hospitalized and injured to the San Mateo Planning Co. building.

Missing by only a few minutes the exact time of the previous Saturday, the roaring flames and towering cloud of smoke attracted more than 3000 spectators. Police blocked streets and the Southern Pacific signalman lowered gates to keep autos away.

Fire, caused by heat radiation, momentarily broke out in some lumber racks of the San Mateo Planning Co. building on Claremont St., but was quickly extinguished by the high pressure turret.

Two roof fires were caused by flying embers carried more than 100 feet into the air by the intense heat.

Flames also jumped the driveway dividing the mill from Winmon Lumber Co. storage yard, and the fire spread quickly to the building and a small smoke-eating crew was then able to hold the blaze away from further southward rampages.

With his only possible object confining the blaze, Chief Morris depended chiefly on his 1100-gallon-a-minute turret to break the heat and today credited this piece of equipment with the fire from spreading over an area of several blocks.

A seven man night crew with six lines connected relieved the last regular company after it had been on duty battling the blaze for five hours and nine minutes.

Flames were felt to be under control in 40 minutes, Morris said.

Pointing to the need for a substation on the east side, Morris declared "we would have had a conflagration on our hands had there been a freight train going through at 4:23 p.m. We have been very fortunate on all these fires in this respect."

The Spot

Redwood City's new adolescent recreation center, now named The Spot, will be opened Friday with a dance, Jack Poole, park and recreation commissioner, announced Monday.

Poole said the center, originally named Juke Box Junction, had been renamed by the teen-agers. There had been a freight train going through at 4:23 p.m. We have been very fortunate on all these fires in this respect."

The center is in the old Carnegie Library Bldg., Broadway at Jefferson Ave. The building was loaned to the city by owners W. E. Ayer and Albert Ichelson.

"Teen-agers have sanded down the main floor and polished it for dancing purposes," Poole said. "They will install a soft drink machine and a juke box some time this week, he continued.

Hours set for the building to be open are:

Fridays between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Sundays between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

There will be adult supervision of the center at all times, Poole explained, announcing that for the first month Mrs. James Brown, mother of a Sequoia High School student, would be in charge.

Pair Imprisoned

Mrs. Dorothy Mathis, 43, of 661 Live Oak Ave., Menlo Park, was in San Mateo County jail Tuesday on a charge of drunkenness. Bail was set at \$25, and her husband, Jack H. Mathis, 49, a roofer, was out of jail on \$25 bail on the same charge, following their arrest by Menlo Park police early Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mathis was in her nightgown covered with blood and her face badly bruised when Officers Frank Roach and Augustin De Campo arrived at their home. She claimed her husband had beaten her, but had not filed a charge of battery this afternoon.

The two are scheduled to appear before City Judge Edward J. Ryan Thursday evening.

Extensive Estate

Katharine M. Donohoe of Atherton left an estate totaling \$714,427, according to an appraisal filed with County Clerk William H. Augustus by James A. Lee, state inheritance tax appraiser.

In addition to the family home at Holm Grove, personal property and jewelry, the estate consists of about \$50,000 cash and the rest mostly stocks and bonds. The largest block of stocks is 1255 shares in the Paramount Investment Co. of San Francisco, valued at \$251,000.

Sequoia Wins

Sequoia High School came teams picked up two practice victories Monday. Jack Wilkerson caged six points to pace the 130-pounders to a 24-19 win over Fremont High School, Sunnyvale.

Center Al Witt got 13 points to lead the varsity to a 35-23 win over the heavier Fremont club.

Building Discouraged

The requirement of concrete reinforcement with steel for buildings in the commercial zone of Menlo Park discourages building in the city, the Menlo Park City Council was told at a hearing recently on complaints against building requirements.

The strict requirements cause construction costs to be too high, the council learned, making rents that owners would have to charge in order to get a fair return on their investment too high for storekeepers to afford.

The consensus at the end of the evening's discussion was that placement of all of Menlo Park's commercial zone in Fire Zone No. 1 causes building requirements to be more stringent than are necessary.

An open, informal roundtable discussion to continue investigation of the matter was set by Mayor Charles P. Burgess for Monday, Jan. 27, at 8 p. m. in the city hall. Contractors, architects and representatives from the fire department will be invited personally.

"I think building requirements could be eased a little bit without anyone getting hurt," declared Daniel H. Van de Sande, vice president of the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce. He told the council that the chamber has gone on record as favoring easement of the requirements in order to encourage building in Menlo Park.

"Property values and building costs are too high," he said. It costs more to build a building in Menlo Park than in the University Ave. in Palo Alto. The town doesn't warrant it. Building requirements are too stringent, and they make it almost impossible to build here.

Van de Sande declared Menlo Park is just being completed after a year's construction. He said delays caused by the necessity of obtaining just the right kind of materials have increased the cost of the building by \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Walter Stewart, Menlo Park building contractor, favored allowing frame construction in the commercial zone.

"Some types of businesses require concrete buildings, but many don't need to be that fireproof," he declared, using a shoe store as an example.

B. Frank Thompson, San Miguel businessman who said he would like to locate in Menlo Park but can't afford to build one, asserted that property owners must get back in rent enough to pay for an investment in a building.

"If I own property at Santa Cruz Ave. and Crane St.," he said, "and there would be a building there right now if building permits were not so strict. I spent \$15,000 in architectural fees, but when I found the building would cost approximately \$80,000, I gave it up. I knew I would have to charge about \$10 a front foot rent to get back on my investment, and that's twice too much."

Delays Granted

A week's delay in entering plea was granted yesterday afternoon to three men whom the San Mateo County Grand Jury had indicted for felonies.

Superior Judge Edmund Scott set 2 p.m. next Monday as time to enter a plea by Peter Gianni, 72-year-old Miramar businessman charged with the murder of Lincoln Shaw in the latter's grocery store.

John E. Ariotti, 40, and his brother-in-law, Henry R. Harkins, 23, both of Dumbarton Oaks, also will enter pleas at the same time to charges of conspiracy to commit arson. The two are charged with constructing a fire bomb with the intent of burning down the house being built by John T. Walker, Negro war veteran. The two claim to have destroyed the bomb two days before Walker's house burned.

The delays were granted Gianni and Wagstaffe of the law firm of Bullock, Wagstaffe and Daba, which is representing the three men. Wagstaffe told Judge Scott that he had not received a transcript of the evidence submitted to the grand jury in the murder case, and that the transcript in the other case had been furnished him only a few minutes before court yesterday afternoon.

Law Suit

Norman G. Grant, 761 Orange Ave., San Carlos, Tuesday was sued for \$100,000 as the result of a traffic accident in Millbrae last May 8, in which an employee of the Maceo Construction Co., Millbrae, lost his left leg.

Manuel P. Fernandez claimed in the suit filed in superior court that he was walking across El Camino Real at Hermosa Way, Millbrae, and was knocked down by an automobile driven by Grant.

Fernandez claimed negligence on the part of Grant. He said he suffered compound fracture of the left leg, necessitating amputation, bruises and abrasions of the head and body. He was employed as a laborer making \$52 a week.

Reports Theft

A man who put \$300 into a sock before making a cross-country plane hop found Monday that the sock was a poor bank.

Harold Norton of Boston, Mass., who is now staying in San Mateo, reported to the sheriff's office here that when he took off from Boston by plane to San Francisco, he hid \$300 in a sock. He said he tucked the sock into the toe of a shoe and locked the shoe in a foot locker which he checked in with the airline.

He reported that when he arrived at Mills Field Saturday the lock on the foot locker had been forced open and taped down and that the \$300 was missing.

Cafe Robbed

When Miss Edna S. Siani, bartender in the Silver Moon Cafe in Daly City noticed that new customers had heavy coatings of suntan makeup on, she suspected something was wrong. She was right.

One of the men, equipped with two revolvers, the other a pistol and they demanded "your money."

They herded Miss Siani, Fred Bottini, the proprietor, and Ralph Watterman, a patron, into a rear room. While one stood guard, the other ransacked drawers. Including \$3 taken from Watterman, the holdup men obtained \$254.70. Then they warned the three to keep quiet, they fled.

Menlo Mayor

An effort by an elderly Frenchman to locate his relations in California probably soon will be rewarded as a result of a letter he wrote to "Mr., the Mayor" of Menlo Park.

Scant news from his sister-in-law, widow of Jules Bernard, former station-master at Menlo Park, finally came when, "in 1910, I left the spot," he wrote to Mayor Charles P. Burgess.

All connections have ceased between us—I heard, in 1918, only that one of my nephews had come to France to make campaign, but too late for finding him again."

The letter, written on Nov. 29, follows.

"Mr., the Mayor. "One of my brothers, Bernard, Jules, born in Fontenay, a village situated in the Department Meurthe-et-Moselle (France), started to America in 1892 and married in 1893 or 1894, with a French maid of Lafrimble, but I don't remember the name of her."

"He had four or five children, and died as a station-master at Menlo Park, I think, but I am not quite sure. The connection ceased between the widow and us, that my sister-in-law writing to her relations by which I have had, sometimes, some news. Then, in 1910, I left the spot. All connections have ceased between us."

"I heard, in 1918, only that one of my nephews had come to France to make campaign, but too late for finding him again. I supposed he was the son of one of my nieces, and consequently not having the name of Bernard."

"My most ardent desire would be to have some way of finding you search after them? And could you send me their address? I should very much oblige you for your kindness. I beg your pardon for having troubled you. Receive, my respectful feelings."

"B. BERNARD."

"I live with my daughter, and her address is: Mme. Poignant, Rue des Camps, Saint Michel, (Meuse), France."

Mrs. Frances E. Maloney, city treasurer, who has lived in Menlo Park for 38 years, remembered Jules Bernard, the old station-master, and remembered that one of his sons was a priest.

A check with the Rev. Father Thomas J. McKeon, pastor of the Menlo Park Church of the Nativity, disclosed that the son, the Rev. Father Leonard Bernard, is a pastor of St. Bridget's Church in San Francisco. His uncle's letter was forwarded to him.

Large Balance

The San Mateo County Fair Commission has a cash balance of \$107,311.82 and an additional \$60,000 payable from the state this coming month.

This is the report of certified public accountants which was received by the commission at its regular monthly meeting in San Mateo.

The report, submitted by the auditing firm of C. G. Uhlenberg, showed on Jan. 1 of 1946 the cash balance was \$66,382.06 and that on Nov. 30, the balance had increased to \$111,811.82.

The additional \$60,000 which will swell the total will be paid as the county's share of pari mutual take. This amount would not be forthcoming if the county had not resumed holding of the annual fairs.

Pres. George Lagomarsino was named to represent the commission at the College of Fairs to be held in San Luis Obispo on Feb. 17.

Shirley Showered

Another bridal shower honored Miss Shirley Dooley, who will exchange vows with Sam H. Robbins on Jan. 25 in Redwood City at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Martin, 72 Poplar Ave.

The shower, a surprise affair, was given at the bride-elect's home, when a group of her friends gathered with Mrs. Martin to keep the party a secret. Gifts for the newlyweds' kitchen and refreshments were brought by the guests.

They were Meses, Edna Amberg, Lee Pendergast, Lee Capini, Florence Bailey, Stella Shepard, Ruby West, Hattie Mariane, Sue Farnsworth, Ida Knight, Betty Kessler, Lavine Berger, Dolores Sterling, Velma Bradford and the Misses Ann Petrucci, Millie Prime, Doris Ferraro, Angela Brocamp, Bernice Lidge, Delores Sommerkorn, Madeline Tomatis, Trudie Puceton and Ramona Gomez. Sending gifts, but unable to attend, were Meses. Cordia Wallace, Bill Swanson, Frances Ehling, J. Griffin, Dixie Boone and Florence Boone.

Stork Shower

Mrs. L. E. John of Woodside was hostess on Saturday evening at a stork shower honoring Mrs. Paul Silva of Menlo Park.

Buffet refreshments were served from a table centered with a stork and pink, white and blue decorations. Games were played.

Guests were Meses, J. Greer, B. Woods, J. Glass, D. Collins and C. Craig, La Honda; F. Nestor, Malcolm, D. Martin, J. Wilkie, D. Bernasque, R. Wonne, T. Larson, L. Ralston of Redwood City and G. Wilson, D. Schoennauer, R. Laurie, J. Laurie and F. Ellis of Palo Alto.

Forum Letter

To the Editor: It looks like Redwood City was really progressing with plenty of foresight in regards to their juvenile problems by creating the Teen-Agers' Center to be ruled by the Teen-Agers themselves.

The kids selected a name for their canteen, (Juke Box Junction) typical teenage title, but oh no! The adults didn't like it, so the self rule has been changed and the Teen-Agers are now going to call the canteen The Spot, a really good night club name.

Let's give the canteen back to the kids and let them call it what they want.

M. PAUL TRAVER.

Wins Award

Lt. (jg) Lloyd T. Bloomquist, USNR, 722 Clinton St., Redwood City, has received a permanent citation for his Gold Star in lieu of the Fourth Air Medal, from Secy. of the Navy James Forrestal, the navy department.

Lieutenant Bloomquist received the citation for "courageous and outstanding action in aerial flight as copilot of a navy seaplane Liberator," on Feb. 11, 1945.

He is the husband of Mrs. Verona R. Bloomquist of Redwood City.

Hold Dinner

The 85th annual congregation dinner was held Wednesday night at the First Congregational Church, and was highlighted by many important events.

The dinner, which was under the chairmanship of Mrs. William Pennebaker, who was assisted by Meses. A. C. Argo, Edith Newcomb, C. G. Uhlenberg, Roland De Vries and Roy Marshall, was termed a "great success."

The Junior Guild handled table decorations, and the young people's Philanthropy Fellowship waited on tables and sold candy. Mr. C. G. Uhlenberg as moderator of the church directed the evening.

Special guests of the evening were 13 new members of the church. Over 28 members have been added to the church membership in the last year, one of the 15 reports given showed.

The reports also showed that the church work was advancing in every front across the years. Instrumental music under the direction of Mr. Otis Carrington included numbers by a trio composed of Marjorie Coykendall, Dorothy Bourquin and Grace Childs. Community singing, which was led by Mr. Carrington followed.

The Rev. Roland De Vries gave a brief talk looking in retrospect over the past year, and forecasting future activity for the church.

New officers for the year who were elected at the meeting were: moderator, Mr. C. G. Uhlenberg; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Locker; clerk, Mr. John Houghton; financial secretary, Mr. Earl Whitehead; auditor, Mr. Francis Pearson.

Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Andrew Stewart; chairman of music, Mrs. Wilbur Dossie; chairman of social service, Mrs. Roy Gordon; chairman of the congregation, Mr. John Dusel; layman, Mr. Pierce Combes; deacons, Meses, P. G. Downs, H. H. Duncan, Walter Bradford, H. G. Fechter and Hiram Smith; deacons, Meses, P. G. Currie, St. Mrs. Caswell Swett, Mrs. Max Thornton, Mrs. Glen Pennybaker and Mrs. Francis Pearson; nominating committee, Mr. H. H. Duncan, Mr. William H. Girvin, Mr. John Dusel, Mrs. Lynn Wright and Mrs. Myrtle Pfafflin.

The evening was concluded by the showing of motion pictures of Easter Sunday scenes at the Easter Bowl and at the Congregational Church, taken as far as 10 years back by Mr. C. G. Uhlenberg.

Above Average

San Mateo County's average aid of \$50.96 per needy aged person for November, 1946, was 48 per cent higher than the \$34.43 nationwide average for October, 1946, while the \$59.45 November aid per needy blind person was 66 per cent more than the \$35.80 October nationwide average, California Taxpayers' Assn. said Monday, making public the current section of its continuing study of these two kinds of aid to the needy.

The increase in federal support of \$3 a month in maximum aid for each of these two kinds of relief was first effective in October.

Troth Told

MR. AND MRS. VICTOR LOVERGINE entertained Mr. and Mrs. Louis Plumbo at dinner at their home in Emerald Lake last Sunday.

It takes a lot of

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to help meet

Service Demands

We put up more miles of new electric lines in 1946 than in any previous year. We are ditching in more pipe for new gas customers than we have ever done before. But we are not yet caught up with increased demands for gas and electric service to all customers.

Shortage of Equipment

It requires 24 to 36 months to get delivery of essential transformers for substations and power lines. We are getting only a part of the gas pipe we need.

Shortage of Transportation

Autos and trucks of every type needed to get men and materials on the job are as difficult to get as passenger cars.

Shortage of Labor

The company is operating schools to train repairmen and line construction personnel. We need many more linemen.

It takes a lot of Ingenuity Engineering to maintain a dependable degree of service to our many gas and electric customers. At Eureka, for instance, we have converted half-a-wrecked ship into a steam-electric generating plant. We rebuild, salvage and scour the market for needed material new or used. During this new year of 1947 we hope a lot of needed items will become more plentiful for all of us.

LINEMEN WANTED!

We Train You—See P. G. and E. Now!

P. G. and E.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Drive Renewed

Plans to X-ray 25,000 persons—12,000 students and 13,000 adults—top the 1947 program of the San Mateo County Tuberculosis and Health Assn., as announced Monday by Dr. H. C. Warren, vice president and chairman of the program committee.

Besides this activity for the Christmas Seal X-Ray Laboratory, the association will provide a number of other special services for nurses, veterans, actual cases of tuberculosis, their contacts, and families of veterans afflicted with the disease, and be available for supplying advice and information needed when the addition to Canyon Sanatorium for which bonds were recently voted, is built.

Only hitch in the program will be the raising of \$2615 yet needed to reach the \$37,500 goal set for this year's Christmas Seal sale. Dr. Warren expressed confidence the entire budget would be available, and again urged

Boy Scout Happenings

First in a series of events planned by the local council for National Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7-13, will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, when scouts and cubs of the southern division of the county will gather at the Sequoia Theater, Redwood City, for a theater party especially for them, to help them celebrate the 37th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America. To start at 10 a. m., the program will include a color film on scouting, two cartoons, one of which concerns Donald Duck's adventures as a Boy Scout, and a full length feature movie. Tickets for the theater party, open to all registered scouts, senior scouts and cubs of the southern part of the county, may be obtained now by sending 25 cents to scout headquarters, 1900 Burlingame Ave., Burlingame. The first 100 boys in the southern area to register, as scouts, cubs or senior scouts, between now and Feb. 8 will receive free theater tickets. Feb. 9 has been designated Boy Scout Sunday, and the local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county. The local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county. The local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county.

All three county scout divisions will hold courts of honor and rallies Friday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p. m. The first will be at the Sequoia High School, where the local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county. The local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county.

Council officers are starting their scout year with a series of meetings for the purpose of planning all phases of the scout program for 1947. On Jan. 23, the council met with the local council is now making arrangements for the county. Special notices will be sent to scouts and cubs of the county.

Den mothers, representing 11 packs in the southern division met this week at the home of Mrs. Will Rogers, den mother commissioner, for the first in a series of training courses planned for 1947. Den mother training courses are being held in the homes of den mothers. The first course was held at the home of Mrs. Will Rogers, den mother commissioner. The first course was held at the home of Mrs. Will Rogers, den mother commissioner.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. A. G. Watson, J. Wytman, Mrs. L. Williams, H. Leimetz, Isobel Fisher, L. O. Smith, H. Cerilli, T. Wendell, A. Payne, L. A. Marks, Jessie Clark, Lloyd Silva, W. Davis, L. S. Merrill, J. A. Gillies, G. T. Rayfield, J. Grover and Will Rogers.

February theme for southern division pack meetings will be "Blue and Gold," the cub colors, den mothers decided. The cub will feature lessons for the cubs in the use and care of basic tools.

Troop 105 of Redwood City emphasized instruction in communication methods at its meeting this week, in keeping with its chosen theme for January. Other activities of the evening included making signaling flags and telegraph keys, for use with the troop's display for Boy Scout Week.

Troop 160 of Redwood City conducted second class tests in fire-building, cooking and signaling. 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Wed at Woodside

The newlywedded Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Stewart Jr., the former Elmhurst, who are now honeymooning in the snow in the High Sierra, but are expected to return late tomorrow to their new home on Alden St. in Redwood City.

Thomas and Ellen were married on Wednesday evening in an informal ceremony at the Woodside Village Church with only family members and intimate friends in attendance. The Rev. Dr. Charles Ward of Redwood City performed the ceremony.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Davey of this city, was in a grey suit with a tiny black hat trimmed with a yellow rose for her wedding. She carried a white prayer book and a spray of yellow roses. Miss Patricia Kernan as maid of honor wore the white suit and an orchid corsage. Charles Clark Curtis, brother of the bride, performed best man duties.

A reception followed in the church parlors, where the wedding cake was served and the guest book signed. A dinner was served at Uncle Tom's Cabin after which the newlyweds left on their honeymoon.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Stewart Jr. of Redwood City and grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart of San Francisco. He served with the navy during the war and is now attending San Jose State College.

Both are graduates of Sequoia High School, Ellen in 1940 and Thomas, class of 43. Ellen has been employed at the California Pacific Title Co. in Redwood City.

New Books

Both the fiction and non-fiction lists for this week include books on San Francisco by authors who have already proved their knowledge of that exotic city.

Gertrude Atherton continues her California series begun with Golden Gate Country and California in My San Francisco; a Wayward Biography. She writes with knowledge and affection as her keen mind rushes from one familiar topic to another. There is a good deal of lively gossip here about people and events, for the author has a long history in the city. There is a becoming nostalgia for the past, which is in no way sentimental; and there is her courageous interest in the future of San Francisco with its growing population and its widening commercial endeavors.

Readers will delight in the chapters, some of which are entitled: "Romantic backgrounds; San Francisco and the West; A few of the illustrious dead; Our literature; Club-dance; California labor school; Historic banks of San Francisco; Yes, we have slums. The book is well written, and is a welcome addition to the library of anyone interested in California.

Louise Baker, the author of that hilarious piece, Party Line, employs the same brand of gay humor to relate the experiences of a person with a physical handicap. At 8 she lost a leg in an accident, and she and the little town in which she lived embarked her on a short-lived career of sympathy-mongering.

A far-seeing father administered a sound spanking to the embryo of a novel as a result she began to do everything a normal woman could do and many things most of them never thought of doing. This is a book which will lift the spirit and one which will have a particular significance at this time, for the author is a woman who has been through the depression only to be thrown into the greatest of all wars, will discover that the book entitled "So Wild a Dream is True" by Louise Baker is a brilliant work, author, Eric Sevareid, his spokesman. It is not a war book, although its author experienced the war in France, England, China, Italy, Germany and Russia. It is, rather, the story of a generation, an avowal of purpose and a testament of faith.

America, says Mr. Sevareid, must fight now for democracy, and she must begin with her own borders. The book homesteaders have been waiting for. Sunset's Western Ranch Houses, will not be a disappointment. "Straightforward design, economical, practical, and well illustrated, clearly written, and completely up to date, that to this they have to annex the whole north area, for the airport property is not contiguous to San Francisco land.

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